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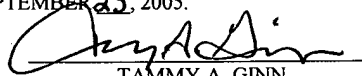
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT


Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

For entry into the U.S. National Stage from the PCT, the above-identified national stage application is concurrently being amended as follows. Claims 1-12 are not being entered and are therefore cancelled from examination, and Claims 13-32 are being added. Accordingly, 20 claims (Claims 13-32) are initially being presented for examination. Of those 20 claims, only three (Claims 13, 24 and 31) are independent. Thus, no filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16(b) & (c) are believed to be due.

The above-mentioned revisions of the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which may be found on pages 2-5 of this correspondence. It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early notice of allowance is hereby requested. Should the Office believe that a telephone conference would expedite allowance, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
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